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which are believed to be in full compliance with 35 USC §112 and which are clearly patentable over the references of record.

More particularly, the Official Action in the parent application rejected all of the claims under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite in the use of parentheses, the phrase "and/or" and optional features. Present claims 12-22 do not contain these elements.

In addition, the Official Action in the parent application set forth a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection over copending application serial number 07/578,606, which has been refiled as application serial number 07/753,906. Applicant intends to deal ultimately with this rejection by filing a Terminal Disclaimer for whichever application is allowed later.

Applicant also notes that the Radhakrishan reference cited in the Official Action in the parent application was issued on March 6, 1990, which is after the two priority dates claimed for the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims of the present application are believed to be entitled to one or the other priority date.

In view of the above comments and amendments, early and favorable consideration of the application on its merits is believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

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